

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6081
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SMUGGLING OF SANDALWOOD
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the States in the country where sandalwood is produced;
- (b) whether some of these States are unable to stop the smuggling of sandalwood; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect the valuable sandalwood from smugglers?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

- (a) Sandalwood is mainly found in the States of Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.
- (b) & (c) The State Governments are protecting sandalwood forests through their protective staff as per provisions of respective Forest Acts and other Acts, and Rules thereof.